

Amendments to the English Language Translation of the Specification:

Immediately before paragraph [0001], delete the sub-heading “Description” and add the following new sub-headings and text:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2005/001509, filed on 15 February 2005. Priority is claimed on German Application No. 10 2004 008 117.4, filed on 18 February 2004.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

Amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001.1] The invention relates to a fixing device or an attachment device for a slide channel or guide rail, which ~~[[are]]~~ is used in particular for door closers.

-- 2. Description of the Related Art --

[0001.2] The sliding block of a door closer is guided for example in a slide channel of this species. As the sliding block is connected to the arm of the door closer, the slide channel is substantially C-shaped, i.e. it has a lateral opening in which the arm of the door closer engages with the associated sliding block. The slide channel itself is attached to a door or to a frame. An attachment device disposed on the face side of the slide channel serves for this purpose in a known manner, which device has a clamping piece engaging into the slide channel and, outside the profile of the slide channel, a connecting plate integrally connected to the clamping piece. The connecting plate has a bore by means of which the connecting plate and thus the slide

channel can be connected to the door or to the frame. In prior art devices, the blocking between the clamping piece, which engages on the face side in the slide channel, and the slide channel is realized by a clamping screw penetrating the clamping piece, which screw allows to achieve interlocking between the clamping piece and the slide channel. On the one hand, this requires a threaded bore in the clamping piece, which for visual reasons needs in addition to be countersunk; on the other hand, there is the risk that the attachment bolt, which is detectable from the outside, may unintentionally self-disengage.

Immediately before paragraph [0002], add the following new sub-heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Amend paragraph [0003] as follows:

[0003] The invention ~~solves of the given problem~~ achieves this object with the teaching ~~according to claim 1.~~ an attachment device for a slide channel for a door closer. The attachment device includes a clamping piece insertable into an end of the slide channel, the clamping piece having a first outside surface and a first toothing on the first outside surface; and a connecting plate integrally formed with the clamping piece and having a bore by which the connecting plate can be connected to a sub-construction. When the clamping piece is inserted into the end of the slide channel, the connecting plate is disposed outside of the slide channel, and the first toothing abuts against a first inside surface of the end of the slide channel by press fit so that the clamping piece is detachably interlocked with the slide channel.

Amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

[0006] Further advantageous embodiments of the invention are ~~the subject matter of the dependent claims~~ discussed below.

Amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

[0010] In ~~a particularly advantageous~~ one preferred embodiment of the invention, the connecting plate has locking components for clampingly connecting a cover cap, which overlaps the connecting plate and covers the profile on the face side, the connecting plate having projections and/or recesses at the opposite lateral ~~surface~~ surfaces thereof extending orthogonally in relation to the surfaces adjoining the sub-construction, whereby, projections, which are disposed in advantageous manner on the opposite lateral surfaces of the connecting plate, form the complementary locking components for the recesses disposed at the cover cap. Thus, the connecting plate does not only serve as an attachment for the slide channel or guide rail at a sub-construction, but furthermore it has the complementary locking components for a cover cap, which forms a covering for both the connecting plate and for the entire covering on the face side of the profile of the slide channel or guide rail.

Amend paragraph [0012] as follows:

[0012] Generally the slide channels or guide rails ~~consist~~ are comprised of an aluminium alloy, however, principally they may be produced from any optional material. As a sufficient frictional connection is required between the toothing of the clamping piece and the profile of the slide channel or guide rail, the choice of material of the attachment device, i.e. particularly of the clamping piece, needs to match the material of the slide channel or guide rail. As a result, the

embodiment of the invention may require the use of appropriate plastic material, aluminium material or zinc-die cast for the attachment device.

Immediately before paragraph [0013], add the following new sub-heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Immediately before paragraph [0022], add the following new sub-heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

Amend paragraph [0022] as follows:

[0022] According to the illustrated drawings, an attachment device 2 is disposed in the area of a termination 6 on the face side of a profile 4 of a slide channel 1. The attachment device 2 ~~substantially consists of~~ includes a clamping piece 5 and ~~[[of]]~~ a connecting plate 8, which is provided with a bore 7. As particularly illustrated in Figure 2, the clamping piece 5, on two diametrically opposite sides, has a toothing 11, which is formed as an inclined toothing and, in the exemplary embodiment according to Figure 2 in the plane of the illustration, abuts against an upper inside wall or surface 10 and against a lower inside wall or surface 13 of the profile 4. The toothing 11 is formed respectively on diametrically opposite outside walls or surfaces 12 of the clamping piece 5. If the clamping piece 5 is inserted into the profile 4, a stop face 15 of the connecting plate 8, which plate is integrally formed with the clamping piece 5, abuts against an end surface 14 of the slide channel 1 and thus blocks the clamping piece 5 in its intended position. A surface 16 of the connecting plate 8 oriented towards the sub-construction 3 extends flush with an outside wall or surface 17 of the profile 4 oriented towards the sub-construction 3.

Delete paragraph [0024] in its entirety.

On page 9, delete the sub-heading " Patent claims", and immediately before claim 1, add the following:

-- What is claimed is: --